



IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Cart, John Steven

SERIAL NO: 09/870,871

FILING DATE: May 31, 2001

GROUP ART UNIT: 1712

TITLE: Composition of Drilling Fluids
Comprising Ground Elastomeric Crumb
Rubber Material and a Method of Decreasing
Seepage and Whole Mud Loss Using Such
Composition

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

1. This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time to respond to

the Office Action dated April 24, 2003.

other

2. Applicant is

a large entity.

a small entity. This status is still proper and its benefit under 37 C.F.R. 1.28(a) is hereby claimed.

3. Extension requested

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d)) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee- <u>small entity</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 390.00	\$ 195.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 890.00	\$ 445.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,390.00	\$ 695.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$1,890.00	\$ 945.00

Fee: \$55.00

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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$55.00

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

4. Fee Payment

Attached is a check in the sum of \$ 55.00.

Charge Account No. _____ the sum of \$_____.

5. Fee Deficiency

If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 11-0245.

Dated: August 22, 2003



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